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April 05, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

24 April 5, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZE ITS DIRECTOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A STORMWATER FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT (PROPOSITION 1E) FOR SANTA ANITA STORMWATER FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND SEISMIC STRENGTHENING PROJECT (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action will allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to apply for grant funding in an amount up to \$20,000,000 from the State of California through the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E) for the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project. This project will modify existing facilities to better manage stormwater runoff for reduced flood damage and increased water conservation, and will address immediate public health and safety needs by strengthening existing flood control facilities to address seismic safety concerns.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Adopt the resolution delegating authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to file an application for the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project and conduct business with the State of California on any and all matters related to this grant, including negotiating and executing the grant agreement and amendments, if necessary, to complete the project, including extensions of time, minor changes

in project scope, and alterations in the grant amount up to ten percent, subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel, and to sign and submit requests for reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or her designee to apply for up to \$20,000,000 in funding from the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E) for the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project (Grant Project). The State of California (State) is requiring, as a condition of the grant application, all applicant's governing boards to designate an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State.

The Grant Project consists of several elements: (1) modifying Santa Anita Dam by constructing a new riser structure to mitigate seismic deficiencies and adding a new spillway to pass the Probable Maximum Flood; (2) modifying Santa Anita Debris Dam to meet State seismic requirements and restoring full flood control and water conservation capacity; (3) enlarging and modifying the Santa Anita Spreading Grounds to improve capacity and efficiency to recharge the groundwater basin with the increased stormwater captured at the dam and debris basin; and (4) modifying the Santa Anita Headworks Diversion Structure to remediate structural deficiencies to allow the additional stormwater from the dam to be efficiently managed for increased groundwater recharge.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action actively seeks grant funds to augment the LACFCD's funding sources to address flood management and seismic safety issues and increase the capture of stormwater for water supply.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost of the Grant Project is approximately \$40,000,000. Grant funding from the State in the amount of \$20,000,000 will be used to offset the cost of the project. Implementation of the project will be phased. We are working with other agencies to obtain additional financial support for the project. Funding for the project will be allocated in the Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 Flood Control District Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Adoption of the resolution will authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee, on behalf of the LACFCD to apply for up to \$20,000,000 of Stormwater Flood Management (SWFM) grant funds with the State; negotiate and enter into an agreement and amendments, if required, to complete the project, including extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and alterations in the grant amount up to ten percent, subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel; and sign and submit requests for reimbursement. Projects eligible for this grant are required to manage

stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage and address immediate public health and safety needs by strengthening existing flood control facilities to address seismic safety issues. The Grant Project meets this requirement. The enclosed resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel

The SWFM grant will reimburse 50 percent of eligible project costs. The remaining 50 percent of project cost, the local match, must be from non-State funds expended after October 1, 2008. On March 20, 2010, your Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a construction contract with Quest Construction Company for the Santa Anita Dam Riser Modification and Reservoir Sediment Removal Project. This riser modification portion of that project is one element of the Grant Project and the cost of the riser modification is eligible as a portion of the SWFM grant's required local match.

The State Grant Agreement will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works in her capacity as the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

The grant application requires that we develop a plan and schedule for complying with CEQA for the Grant Project prior to reimbursement of Flood Control District funds. This plan will identify the tasks necessary to comply with CEQA, the project's scope and schedule, and that we will return to your Board regarding any environmental findings requiring your approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Any grant funding received as a result of these actions will offset the cost of the Grant Project, which will improve seismic safety and increase water conservation.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and one executed original of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

4/5/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, APPROVING THE
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR STORMWATER FLOOD MANAGEMENT
GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD
PREVENTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 1E)

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resources Code Section 5096.800 *et seq.*) allocating funds to the State of California to provide funding for managing stormwater runoff to reduce flood damages (PRC 5096.827 9(c)); and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is proposing to implement a project to modify existing Flood Control facilities to better manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage and increase water conservation, and to address immediate public health and safety needs by strengthening them to address seismic safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the project is eligible for the award of grant funds under this State grant program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State of California require that an applicant's governing body certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if an application is granted, the applicant will be required to enter into a contract with the State of California pertaining to the use of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the LACDFD:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funds from the Stormwater Flood Management Grant Program under the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resources Code Section 5096.800 *et seq.*);
2. Appoints the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee as agent to conduct business with the State of California on any and all matters related to this grant, including negotiating and executing the grant agreement and amendments, and to sign and submit requests for reimbursement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 5th day of April, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.




SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

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Deputy

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